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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT--PARAS ONE, TWO)

FROM AMBASSADOR

PASS TO AID ADMIN GILLIGAN

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S ROLE IN DEALING WITH PRESSING GLOBAL
PROBLEMS - POPULATION GROWTH AND ADEQUATE FOOD PRODUCTION

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1. I SHARE FULLY YOUR CONCERN THAT HOST COUNTRIES
MUST BOTH UNDERSTAND AND EXTEND THEIR BEST
EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH FOOD AND POPULATION ISSUES AS
OUTLINED IN REFTEL. AT THE TOP LEADERSHIP LEVEL IN
JORDAN THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL UNDERSTANDING AND COMMIT-
MENT TO RESOLUTION OF THESE WORLDWIDE CONCERNS.
JORDANIAN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND PROGRAMS ARE, IN
MY OPINION, AT LEAST AIMED IN THE PROPER DIRECTION-
ALTHOUGH CLEARLY MUCH REMAINS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED.
MY AID PROGRAM, SIMILARLY, IS, I BELIEVE, PROPERLY
DIRECTED, AND I HAVE INSTRUCTED MY AID STAFF TO
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KEEP ME APPRISED OF BOTH PROGRESS AND IMPEDIMENTS
TO PROGRESS WHERE MY INTERVENTION MIGHT BE
APPROPRIATE TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUING APPROPRIATE
JORDANIAN EFFORT.

2. IN THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AREA, A NUMBER
OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL/INTERNATIONAL DONOR

ORGANIZATIONS ARE PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO BOTH ONGOING AND RECENT AND INNOVATIVE JORDANIAN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. THESE INCLUDE WFP (AFFORESTATION); FORD FOUNDATION (DRYLAND AGRICULTURE); ARAB LEAGUE FUND (SMALL SCALE IRRIGATION RESEARCH); CARE (SMALL IRRIGATION PROJECTS); W. GERMANY (AGRICULTURAL CREDIT); AND THE UK (AGRICULTURAL CREDIT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE JORDAN VALLEY FARMERS ASSOCIATION IN THE AREA OF MARKETING). A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF OUR USAID PROGRAM IS IN JORDAN'S AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, WITH CURRENT ACTIVITIES INCLUDING: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO JORDAN UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE (DEVELOPING ITS CAPABILITIES IN APPLIED RESEARCH, OUTREACH, AND RESIDENT INSTRUCTION); ASSISTING THE GOJ IN APPLIED RESEARCH AND PRACTICAL TRAINING WITH NEWLY INTRODUCED SPRINKLER IRRIGATION TECHNOLOGY IN THE JORDAN VALLEY; ASSISTING THE GOJ IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BROAD BASED FARMER-ORIENTED JORDAN VALLEY FARMER'S ASSOCIATION WHICH WILL PROVIDE BASIC AGRIBUSINESS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES TO FARMER MEMBERS IN THE JORDAN VALLEY; AND ASSISTANCE TO INTEGRATE AND IMPROVE EXISTING PROCESSES OF AGRICULTURAL PLANNING AND POLICY FORMULATION IN THE VALLEY. FOR INITIATION, LATE THIS FISCAL YEAR WE PLAN AN AGRICULTURAL CREDIT LOAN WHICH IS EXPECTED TO MAKE REASONABLE SEASONAL CREDIT AVAILABLE TO A NUMBER OF FARMERS WHO NOW DO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT HAVE SUCH ACCESS; AND FOR FY 79 WE PLAN AN ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITY IN THE AREA OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND MARKETING. ALL THIS IS IN ADDITION, OF COURSE, TO THE MASSIVE INVESTMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AND ARE PLANNED FOR IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE JORDAN VALLEY. FINALLY, WITH RESPECT TO OUR ONGOING PL 480 TITLE I PROGRAM, WE BELIEVE WE ARE MAKING HEADWAY WITH NEGOTIATED SELF-HELP PROVISIONS WITH SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED IMPACT OVER PRIOR YEARS.

3. JORDAN IS A MAJOR FOOD IMPORTER. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT OUR ASSISTANCE TO THE JORDAN VALLEY WILL SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE JORDAN'S RELIANCE ON OTHER COUNTRIES FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AND ALSO INCREASE JORDAN'S ABILITY TO SUPPLY OTHER FOOD DEFICIT COUNTRIES IN THE ARAB REGION.

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

FROM AMBASSADOR

PASS TO AID ADMIN GILLIGAN

4. IN THE AREA OF POPULATION, WE ARE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS PROVIDING SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR AN INCREASING INDIGENOUS DEMAND FOR FAMILY PLANNING INFORMATION AND SERVICES, BUT BELIEVE THAT ANY MARKEDLY INCREASED INTERVENTION ON OUR PART AT THIS TIME OVER OUR CURRENT LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT WOULD LIKELY BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. INTEREST HERE IS IN SPACING RATHER THAN LIMITATION PER SE, AND STRONG SOCIAL PRESSURES CONTINUE TO EXIST FOR EARLY MARRIAGES AND CHILDREN EARLY IN MARRIAGE. INFORMATION AND SERVICES ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDED THE PUBLIC PRIMARILY BY PRIVATE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND THE THIRTEEN CLINICS OF THE JORDAN FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION. OTHER ACTIVITIES, MOST OF WHICH ARE EITHER CENTRALLY SUPPORTED BY AID OR FACILITATED BY RESIDENT USAID HEALTH OFFICERS, INCLUDE: MINISTRY OF HEALTH PROJECT WITH UNFPA TO UPGRADE MINISTRY MCH CENTERS BY PROVISION OF
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POPULATION/FAMILY PLANNING TRAINING (AND SOME COMMODITIES); PATHFINDER/UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN PROJECT TO ESTABLISH POP/FP TEACHING PROGRAM IN FACULTY OF NURSING (BEGUN ACADEMIC YEAR 77-78

AND TO BE REFINED NEXT YEAR); ONGOING POP/FP
TEACHING PROGRAM IN OB/GYN DEPARTMENT OF FACULTY
OF MEDICINE; DEVELOPMENT OF POPULATION/DEMOGRAPHY
PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY MEDICINE DEPARTMENT OF
FACULTY OF MEDICINE TO BE TAUGHT JOINTLY BY STAFF
OF UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN AND JOHNS HOPKINS SCHOOL
OF PUBLIC HEALTH; AND PROVISION OF VARIOUS POP/FP
TRAINING COMMODITIES TO MOH, UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN
AND ROYAL MEDICAL SERVICES BY FPIA, PATHFINDER
AND JOHNS HOPKINS/JHPIEGO. IN ADDITION, AND WITHIN
OUR ONGOING BILATERAL AID PROGRAM, WE HAVE A HEALTH
PLANNING AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WHICH
"THIS YEAR WILL BEGIN A SEVERAL YEAR PROCESS OF UP-
GRADING THE DELIVERY OF BASIC HEALTH SERVICES COUNTRY-
WIDE IN JORDAN, WHICH WE EXPECT WILL INCLUDE THE
UPGRADING OF DELIVERY OF POP/FP INFORMATION/SERVICES
AT THE PRIMARY CARE LEVEL.
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